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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title:

SEPARATION OF BIOMASS FROM LACTIC-ACID CONTAINING

FERMENTATION PRODUCTS BY MEANS OF FLOCCULATION

Appl. No.:

10/690,548

Filing Date:

10/23/2003

Examiner:

Herbert J. Lilling

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

| [] |] |] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a p | | | | | | | |
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| | | assertion of Small Entity status. | | | | | | | |

[] Assertion of Small Entity status is enclosed.

[X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

| | Claims | | | . , | Extra | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------|------|---------------|-------|--------------|-----|----------|----|------------|
| | As | | Previously | | Claims | | | | Additional |
| | Amended | | Paid For | | Present | | Rate | | Claims Fee |
| Total Claims: | 11 | - | 20 | = | 0 | х | \$50.00 | == | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims: | 1 | - | 3 | = | 0 | x | \$200.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| First p | oresentation | of a | ny Multiple I | Depen | dent Claims: | + | \$360.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | CLAIMS | FEE | E TOTAL | = | \$0.00 |

[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

| [] Extension for response filed within the first month: | \$120.00 | \$0.00 |
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| [X] Extension for response filed within the second month: | \$450.00 | \$450.00 |
| [] Extension for response filed within the third month: | \$1,020.00 | \$0.00 |
| [] Extension for response filed within the fourth month: | \$1,590.00 | \$0.00 |
| [] Extension for response filed within the fifth month: | \$2,160.00 | \$0.00 |
| EXTENSION I | FEE TOTAL: | \$450.00 |
| [] Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d): | \$130.00 | \$0.00 |
| CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER I | FEE TOTAL: | \$450.00 |
| Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above): | | \$0.00 |
| Extension Fees Pre | viously Paid: | \$0.00 |
| | ΓΟΤΑL FEE: | \$450.00 |

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$450.00 is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to

Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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